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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p><u>In re</u> application of:</p> <p>Bruce A. KEYT, et al.</p> <p>Serial No.: 08/734,443</p> <p>Filed: 17 October 1996</p> <p>For: VARIANTS OF VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR HAVING ANTAGONISTIC PROPERTIES</p>	<p>Examiner: SAOUD, C.</p> <p>Group Art Unit: 1647</p> <p><u>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</u> I hereby certify that this correspondence, including listed enclosures, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on November 13, 2002.</p> <p>Signed: <u>Nancy B. Comp</u> Jero Valles</p>
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**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002. The response is filed within the three month statutory period, making this a timely response. No fee is believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including extension fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-63096/RFT/NBC).

REMARKS

Claims 18-35 are pending. Amendments to the claims reflecting the changes made to correct for the prior pendency of claim 17 are shown in the section entitled "Versions With